ILLICIT DISTILLATION.

COPY OF THE WEEKLY REPORTS

Of Major *D'Arcy*, Superintending Magistrate of Police, in the Barony of Ennishowen, in the County of Donegal; from the 13th October 1817, to 26th January 1818.

Grouse Hall, 13th October 1817.

SIR,

THE only outrage committed during the last week is that of the house of Lindsey being maliciously burned: it was set fire to in the latter end of the night of Saturday, or early on yesterday morning; the family, consisting of seven persons, were all asleep, and had a very narrow escape of their lives. I yesterday repaired to the spot the moment ao account of the circumstance reached me, but no clue could be had as to the perpetrators; the family had been suspected of giving information against unlicensed distillers, which is the supposed cause of this outrage being committed against them.

I have, &c.
(Signed) *Thos D'Arcy.*

Right honourable
Robert Peel,
&c. &c. &c.

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 27th October, 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that this Barony has continued tranquil during the last week, and no outrage bas been committed, at least not any that has come to my knowledge.

Tbe whole of the establishment conduct themselves much to my satisfaction.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 3d November 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that this barony has continued tranquil during the last week, and that oo outrage bas been committed, at least not any that has come to my knowledge.

The whole of the establishment continue to conduct tbemselves much to my satisfaction.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 10th November 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that this barony still continues tranquil, and that no outrage has been committed, to my knowledge, during the last week.

The whole of the establishment conduct themselves greatly to my satisfaction, with the exception of John Ryan, peosioner from the 50tb regiment, whose conduct was so disorderly, unsoldierlike, and improper, that I found it necessary to discharge him from tbe police.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

P. S. It sometimes occurs that the Return does not reach Carn in time for Monday's post, and consequently it becomes necessary to forward it to Derry on tbe following day, as no post leaves Carn again till Thursday.

Pnnted image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 17th November, 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that this barony continues tranquil, and that no outrage has been committed, to my knowledge, except the robbery of the cows, as stated on the other side; and an assault, and rescue of cattle, where a seizure had been made for rent, in Glennigannon, on Thursday last. Informations, I learn, have been sworn before a magistrate for the offence, but no communication has been made to me of the transaction ftom that quarter.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

" Extract from the above-mentioned Weekly Report of detail of duty.

Saturday, 15th November 1817.

" This day, in consequence of an application from Mr. Cary of Red Castle, the chief magistrate sent two mounted constables to search for cows stolen by night from a tenant of his at Carrickmaguigly, but returned unsuccessful."

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 24th November 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that during the last week no outrage, to my knowledge, has been committed within this barony.

My police continue to conduct themselves in such a manner as to merit my full approbation.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 1st December 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that during the last week, no outrage, to my knowledge, has been committed in this barony.

The whole of the establishment continue to merit my approbation.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 8th December 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that (with the exception of a few petty robberies) no outrage has been committed in this barony, within the last week.

The police of my establishment conduct themselves with much propriety, and are strictly attentive to their duty.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 15th December 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that this barony is still in a state of tranquillity, and that no outrage has been committed during the last week.

The men of my establishment conduct themselves much to my satisfaction.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 22d December 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that no outrage (if I except a few petty robberies) has been committed in this barony, to my knowledge, since my last report.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Printed image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit

391

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 29th December 1817.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that no outrage has been committed in this barony during the last week, if I except an assault on one of the police constables, in the town of Carn, on Friday last, and that on the party whilst on Revenue duty on Wednesday last; as mentioned on the other side.

The police continue to conduct themselves to my satisfaction.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Extract from the above-mentioned Weekly Report of detail of duty.

"Wednesday, 24th December 1817.

"THE weather again becoming calm (with the advice of the chief magistrate), the chief constable, with a party, proceeded to the shore at Glengad, near Culdaff, again hoping to effect a landing on Enstrebul. Here, although there were several boats, the owners solemnly declared that no police man should ever have their asssistance: they dared the chief constable to take or go on board any of the boats; and threatened, if he did, they would swear a robbery for the act. The attempt was again obliged to be given up.

"The second assistant, with a party, destroyed two kilns, consisting of twenty-four bushels of malt, in Clonca, and was in the act of destroying a quantity in process in the same neighbourhood, when they were surrounded and violently attacked by an immense mob, who threw several stones at them, and obliged them to leave the seizure, or be under the necessity of firing, and most likely killing some who were not connected in the riot. He immediately proceeded to Grouse Hall, and reported the circumstance to the chief magistrate, who, with all the police stationed there, returned to the place, but found the mob were dispersed, and the malt carried off."

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 5th January 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that no outrage has been committed since my Report of last week; and that this barony appears quite tranquil.

The police have conducted themselves to my satisfaction.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Crandonagh, 12th January 1818.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that no outrage has been committed in this barony, to my knowledge, during the last week, except that mentioned in the detail of duty for yesterday.

The whole of the establishment continues regular.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Extract from the above-mentioned Weekly Report of detail of duty.

"Sunday, 11th January 1818.

"APPLICATION was made to the chief magistrate, in consequence of a number of persons having assembled in arms last night at Carrickmaguigly, where property was under seizure for rent, who overpowered the keepers, and carried off the whole. The chief magistrate immediately dispatched the chief constable with a mounted party, who succeeded in taking the principal offender, who is now in custody, and will be forwarded to gaol."

Printed image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit

Grouse Hall, Carndonagh, 19th January 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that no outrage has been committed in this barony during the last week, at least not any that I know of.

The police continue regular and attentive to their duty.

(Signed and addressed as above.)

Grouse Hall, Cardonagh, 26th January 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that no outrage has been committed in this barony, to my knowledge, during the last week.

I have, &c.

(Signed) *Thos D'Arcey.*

William Gregory, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.
Dublin Castle.

Irish Office,
16 May 1818.

C. W. Flint

(Ireland.)

COPY OF THE WEEKLY REPORTS

Of Major *D'Arcy*, Superintending Magistrate of Police, in the Barony of Ennishowen, in the County of Donegal; from the 13th October 1817, to 26th January 1818.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
18 *May* 1818.

Printed image digitised by the University of Southampton Library Digitisation Unit